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SUBJ: SOVIET NON-PAPER ON UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT

1. FOLLOWING NON-PAPER, ALONG WITH COPY OF TEXT OF GROMYKO
LETTER TO WALDHEIM ON UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT,
WAS HANDED OVER ON MARCH 3 BY SOVIET EMBASSY. BEGIN TEXT:

THE SOVIET UNION STANDS CONSTANTLY AND PERSISTENTLY FOR
ENDING ARMS RACE AND FOR DISARMAMENT. IT TAKES PART IN
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WHERE THE PROBLEMS
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OF LIMITING AND THEN REDUCING THE ACCUMULATED ARSENALS OF
ARMAMENTS AS WELL AS OF PREVENTING THE APPEARANCE OF NEW
TYPES OF WEAPONS ARE DISCUSSED. ALL THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS ACHIEVED IN THIS FIELD WERE CONCLUDED WITH THE
USSR PARTICIPATION AND MANY OF THEM - ON ITS INITIATIVE.

THE SOVIET UNION INTENDS TO GIVE ITS MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERA-

TION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT SO THAT ITS RESULTS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO DEFINING WAYS FOR SOLVING DISARMAMENT ISSUES IN THEIR FULL VOLUME. THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD PAVE THE ROAD TO WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, TO SECURING AT LAST AN ACTUAL BREAKTHROUGH IN RESOLVING THE ISSUES OF

DISARMAMENT. WE PROCEED FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT HOLDING THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD EXPEDITE CONVENING WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. THE HOLDING OF THE CONFERENCE WAS UPHELD CONSISTENTLY BY ALL SESSIONS OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY STARTING FROM 1971. THE XXXI SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY ONCE AGAIN SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF CONVENING THE CONFERENCE.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WHICH HAS BEEN ALREADY FUNCTIONING FOR SEVERAL YEARS DID USEFUL WORK IN THE DIRECTION OF ITS PREPARATION.

THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND OF THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD REFLECT THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, POSSESSING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND BEARING MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AS WELL AS FOR ACHIEVING RESULTS AT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FIELD OF LIMITING ARMS RACE AND OF DISARMAMENT.

WE ARE READY TO COOPERATE WITH THE US IN PREPARING AND HOLDING THE SPECIAL SESSION. THIS SESSION, OF COURSE, CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR JOINT EFFORTS AT THE BILATERAL LEVEL IN THE FIELD OF LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS AND IN OTHER MATTERS OF DISARMAMENT. WE PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD FACILITATE THE CONVOCAION OF THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL WHEN A POSITIVE ROLE, WHICH CONVENING OF THAT CONFERENCE COULD PLAY, WAS NOTED.

THE SOVIET UNION PROCEEDS FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE EXISTING BODIES OF NEGOTIATIONS ON DISARMAMENT, FIRST OF ALL, TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. THE COMMITTEE SHOULD RETAIN ITS ROLE OF AN IMPORTANT MULTILATERAL FORUM IN THIS FIELD, WHICH CONFIRMED MANY A TIME ITS EFFECTIVENESS BY PREPARING IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF LIMITATION OF ARMS RACE AND DISARMAMENT. THE DECISIONS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ARE CALLED TO GIVE AN IMPETUS TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS YET TO WORK OUT AGREEMENTS ON

THE WHOLE RANGE OF CONCRETE QUESTIONS: CESSATION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPON TESTS, PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, PROHIBITION
OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS
ANNIHILATION, ETC. THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT COULD WORK
OUT CONCRETE AGREEMENTS ALSO ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE
SPECIAL SESSION. END TEXT.
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